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ROAD MAP AND STRATEGY PLAN FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set road map and strategy plan for public private partnership in agriculture;

(b) if so, whether blue print has been prepared to identify areas that could be complimented , plan joint research programmes and solicit investment in areas of common interest;

(c) whether policy include key areas of global market access and capacity building with focus on validation and testing of products and processes; and

(d) if so, the other details of same and by the time it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): The Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) has emphasized on public private partnership (PPP) in the development of agriculture. The areas in which private sector could play an important role have been indicated as horticulture development, development of agricultural marketing infrastructure, development of storage facilities, seed production and distribution, provision of extension services.

The issue of PPP has been deliberated at various fora in the recent past and several areas in this regard have been focused, such as redefining Government intervention to make Indian agriculture demand driven, propagation of the success stories of the private sector in their initiatives to raise incomes of farmers and partnering with farmers, achieving higher levels of public investment in agriculture infrastructure, food safety, cold chain, research and development, and agricultural extension services.